

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14930-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 30.07.2020

PARMINDER SINGH @ PRINCE

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Amrit Singh Kang, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.114 dated 12.10.2017, under Sections 307, 482, 115, 120-B IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Hariana, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein four accused have been specifically named. He was arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused that the petitioner had also conspired with them to commit the offence. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. He is in custody for over 1 year and 3 months. Similarly situated co-accused namely Prabhjot Singh @ Jyoti has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-35222 of 2019 on 17.01.2020. He also contends that the four accused namely Jatinder Singh @ Sheru, Satnam Singh @ Karodi, Shubam @ Bamb and another and Amrit Singh @ Amrit, who were named in the FIR, have also been granted regular bail in CRM-M-29343-2018 on 31.10.2018, in CRM-M-45006 of 2018 on

28.11.2018, in CRM-M-4774-2019 on 24.09.2019 and in CRM-M-44834 of 2019 on 07.02.2020 respectively.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Sohan Lal, contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases and has been convicted in a case under the Arms Act. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year, 2 months and 25 days. Challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the co-accused have been granted bail, the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 2 months, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petitioner shall not try to contact the witnesses or influence the trial in any manner. He shall report to the police station Hariana, District Hoshiarpur on every Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

30.07.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No